GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:868
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2000
CLOSING OF PETROL PUMPS
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petrol, diesel pumps situated in Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh which were closed during the last year;

(b) the reasons for their closure;

(c) the number out of them restarted ; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ban the adulterated oil being sold by the dealers of petrol, diesel and kerosene oil ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) :- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

A STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA USQ NO.868 FOR 23.11.2000 REGARDI CLOSING OF PETROL PUMPS.

(a) & (b) :- During the year 1999 - 2000, the following retail outlets were terminated by the oil marketing companies :-

S.No.	Name of the Dealer	Date of termination	Reasons
1.	United Engineers, Nehru Place, Delhi	21.07.1999	Faillure of ULP sample and additional fittings in dispensing unit.
2.	Prakash Motors, Kannauj, U.P.	11.06.1999	Non payment of dues towards lube oil.
3.	Hapur Filling Station, Ghaziabad, U.P.	14.10.1999	Benami operation
4.	Agra Vikas Mandal Nigam, Agra, U.P.	15.10.1999	Nil selling since 1995.
5.	Balaji Filling Station, Jagner, U.P.	03.12.1999	Benami operation
6.	Prime Products, Kanpur, U.P.	03.01.2000	Dealer resigned
7	Kissan Filling Station, Rudrapur, U.P.	31.03.2000	Failure of HSD samples.

(c):- Indian Oil Corporation has restarted one retail outlet namely M/s. United Engineers, Delhi, on company owned company operated (COCO) basis.

(d):- To check the adulteration in automobile fuels viz Motor Spirit (MS) and High Speed Diesel (HSD) by adulterants like Naphtha, Solvent, Raffinate and Slop, the Government has promulgated on 5th June, 2000 the Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of Use in Automobiles) Order, 2000 and the Naphtha (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of Use in Automobiles) Order, 2000 under the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Further, the oil marketing companies carry out regular/surprise checks of retail outlets, to prevent various malpractices including adulteration. In addition, special drives are launched by the oil companies both on their own and also under direction of Government from time to time to check malpractices. Further, to prevent adulteration various steps like blue dyeing of kerosene (Public Distribution System), furfural doping, filter paper test, checking of retail outlets by mobile laboratories , etc. are undertaken by the oil companies.